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SUBJECT: FURTHER TURKIFICATION OF NORTHERN CYPRUS

1. SUMMARY: TURK CYPRIOTS ARE CONTINUING TO MOVE NORTH AND BE RESETTLED IN ABANDONED GREEK HOMES. UNEMPLOYED BEING PUT TO WORK. TOURIST CORPORATION FORMED. NEW "MINISTRIES" ANNOUNCED. ID CARDS REQUIRED FOR RESIDENTS TURKISH-OCCUPIED AREA. POSSIBILITY OF UNIVERSITY FLOATED. END SUMMARY.

2. PROCESS OF TURKIFYING NORTHERN CYPRUS HAS SWITCHED INTO HIGH GEAR DURING PAST TWO WEEKS. REFUGEES FROM SOUTH ARRIVING ON REGULAR BASIS (ESTIMATES RUN TO OVER ONE HUNDRED PER DAY) AND ARE BEING RESETTLED IN ABANDONED GREEK HOUSES. MOST ARE COMING VIA GREEK CYPRIOT TAXIS AT REPORTED FEE OF
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3. INCLUDED IN INFLUX IS ENTIRE VILLAGE OF TOKHNI (MIDWAY BETWEEN LIMASSOL AND LARNACA), WHERE MASSACRE OF TURK CIVILIANS WAS UNCOVERED, WHICH HAS BEEN MOVED BY UNFICYP NORTH. NOTEWORTHY THAT 90 PERCENT OF TURKS RELEASED IN CURRENT EXCHANGE OF POW'S AND DETAINEES HAVE CHOSEN TO HEAD NORTH, EVEN THOUGH FAMILIES ARE IN SOUTH. IT IS ASSUMED THAT THEY WILL THEN CALL FOR THEIR FAMILIES TO JOIN THEM IN NORTH, THEREBY ADDING TO POPULATION GROWTH OF TURKISH ZONE.

4. SETTLEMENT THUS FAR CONCENTRATED NORTH OF FAMAGUSTA, PARTICULARLY AROUND TRIKOMO, AND IN KYRENIA DISTRICT. HOMES ARE BEING ALLOCATED IMMIGRANTS BY TURK OFFICIALS, WITH RENTS FIXED AS PERCENTAGE OF SALARY OR ESTIMATED INCOME. PERCENTAGE SLIDES FROM 4 TO 15 PERCENT DEPENDING ON SALARY.

5. ACCORDING TURK CYPRIOT "MINISTER" FOR AGRICULTURE OGUZ RAMADAN, GOAL IS TO HAVE AT LEAST ONE TURKISH FAMILY IN EACH AREA TO IRRIGATE FIELDS. "DEVELOPMENT ARMY" BEING RECRUITED FROM AMONG UNEMPLOYED TO HARVEST CROPS AND HELP MAINTAIN ABANDONED FARMS. SEVERAL HUNDRED WORKERS ARE TRANSPORTED DAILY FROM NICOSIA TO KYRENIA AREA BY BUS.

6. TURKISH AUTHORITIES HAVE ANNOUNCED FORMATION OF COOPERATIVE TO RUN TOURIST HOTELS, INITIALLY IN KYRENIA, BUT WITH IMPLICATION THIS WILL SPREAD ELSEWHERE LATER. CORPORATION WILL BE JOINT ENTERPRISE OF EVKAF (TURK CYPRIOT CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION) AND MAINLAND TURKISH RETIREMENT FUND. TO DATE, NO HOTELS HAVE BEEN REOPENED.

7. FOREIGN BUSINESSES OPERATING IN TURK-HELD AREA HAVE BEEN GIVEN TO OCT 11 TO REGISTER WITH ATA. THOSE WHO DON'T WON'T OPERATE THERE AFTER THAT DATE. (TEXT OF TURK ANNOUNCEMENT SEPTTEL.)

8. KYRENIA, ONCE VACATION CAPITAL FOR WEALTHY (AND NOT SO WEALTHY) GREEK CYPRIOTS FROM NICOSIA, HAS BECOME A TURKISH NATIONAL MONUMENT. WEEKENDS FIND THOUSANDS OF TURK CYPRIOTS STROLLING PLACIDLY ALONG PORT'S CHARMING QUAI AND SIPPING
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DRINKS AT CAFES FORMERLY OWNED AND FREQUENTED BY GREEKS. ONLY GREEKS LEFT IN KYRENIA ARE APPROXIMATELY 400 INVOLUNTARY GUESTS AT DOME HOTEL AND SEVERAL HUNDRED LARGELY ELDERLY GREEKS LIVING IN TOWN'S OLD QUARTER, WHICH WAS ALWAYS MIXED.

9. TO DEAL WITH EXPANDED AREA, VICE PRESIDENT DENKTASH OVER WEEKEND ANNOUNCED FORMATION THREE NEW "MINISTRIES": MINISTRY FOR PLANNING AND COORDINATION, MINISTRY OF TOURISM, AND MINISTRY

OF CONSTRUCTION AND REHABILITATION. FIRST "MINISTRY" WILL BE HEADED BY PROF. ALPER ONHON, TURK CYPRIOT CURRENTLY TEACHING AT BOGAZ UNIVERSITY IN ISTANBUL. SECOND "MINISTER" WILL BE UNNAMED TURK CYPRIOT EXPERT FROM GOT MINISTRY OF TOURISM. NO INFO AVAILABLE ON THIRD.

10. LOCAL PAPERS HAVE ALSO STATED THAT BRANCH OF ADANA UNIVERSITY WILL BE ESTABLISHED ON ISLAND. PROBABLE SITE IS KYRENIA; NO DATE SET FOR COMMENCEMENT OF CLASSES. PAPERS HAVE ANNOUNCED THAT TURK CYPRIOT "OFFICE HAVING FUNCTIONS OF A CONSULATE" WILL BE OPENED IN MERSIN, JUMPING OFF PLACE FOR TRIPS FROM MAINLAND TO FAMAGUSTA.

11. FINALLY, AUTHORITIES REQUIRING ALL INHABITANTS OF "AREA OCCUPIED BY TURKISH MILITARY" TO APPLY FOR ID CARDS FROM AUTONOMOUS TURKISH ADMINISTRATION, ACCORDING PRESS, ID CARDS WILL PERMIT CIRCULATION WITHIN TURKISH ZONE.

12. COMMENT: SETTLEMENT PATTERN DESCRIBED ABOVE, AND LACK OF ATTENTION TO CULTIVATING FIELDS IN SOUTHEASTERN SECTION OF OCCUPIED ZONE, SUGGEST AREA SOUTH OF MAIN NICOSIA-FAMAGUSTA ROAD REMAINS NEGOTIABLE. ALSO INTERESTING THAT HOTEL CORPORATION HAS MADE NO PLANS (PUBLICLY AT LEAST) FOR RUNNING HOTELS IN FAMAGUSTA DISTRICT. FORMATION OF NEW "MINISTRIES" PROBABLY INDICATES PRIORITY PROJECTS FOR TURK CYPRIOTS. HOWEVER, WE UNDERSTAND GOT HAS NOT ALLOCATED ANY INCREASE IN FUNDS FOR THIS YEAR'S CIVIL BUDGET THUS FAR AND STAFFING WILL BE MAJOR PROBLEM.

13. ESTABLISHMENT NEW "MINISTRIES" AND ELEVATION OF EXISTING MEMBERSHIPS TO "MINISTERIAL" RANK, ARE ONE FURTHER INDICATION OF TURKISH DESIRE FOR CONFEDERATION RATHER THAN FEDERATED STATE.

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